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SUBJ: AGREEMENT FOR NEW GABONESE AMBASSADOR

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1. APPRECIATE TIMELY NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE IN GOG PLANS.
DEPARTMENT REGRETS WITHDRAWAL OF MEBALEY, WHO FAVORABLY
KNOWN HERE, BUT UNDERSTANDS REASONING BEHIND DECISION.

2. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF EMBASSY COULD DISCREETLY
SUGGEST TO GOG THE DESIRABILITY OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABI-
LITY. AT PRESENT, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, GABONESE EMBASSY
WASHINGTON IS WITHOUT AN ENGLISH SPEAKING DIPLOMAT ON ITS
STAFF. THIS HAS BEEN A MAJOR CONTRIBUTING FACTOR IN MANY
OF ITS ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES (DEBTS, ETC) IN WASH-
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